

HOUSE BILL 522

By Russell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8 and Title 58, relative to law enforcement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If the commissioner of safety or the governor has assigned a protection detail for purposes of protecting or escorting a person when required for security, threat assessments, or safety precautions for the protectee or general welfare of the public, then:

(1) Officers of the Tennessee highway patrol may utilize their agency's vehicles and emergency equipment for purposes of carrying out its duties under the assigned protection detail; and

(2) Officers of local law enforcement agencies may utilize their local law enforcement agency's vehicles and emergency equipment for purposes of assisting the Tennessee highway patrol in carrying out its duties under the assigned protection detail.

(b) Operators of emergency vehicles utilized in a protection detail in accordance with subsection (a):

(1) Must be adequately trained for such operation in accordance with the Vanessa K. Free Emergency Services Training Act of 2005, codified in § 55-8-194; and

(2) May operate such vehicles exercising the privileges set forth in § 55-8-108.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.